



# Iowa Department of Human Services

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## INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO.1487

**DATE:** March 4, 2015

**TO:** Iowa Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver Providers, Targeted Case Managers and Department of Human Services (DHS) Service Workers

**FROM:** Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

**RE:** HCBS AIDS/HIV Waiver Renewal and Children's Mental Health (CMH) Waiver Amendment Public Comment Period

The IME is preparing to submit the AIDS/HIV Waiver renewal application and an amendment of the CMH Waiver to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). As part of the renewal application and amendment process, the state is opening a public comment period for feedback on the amendment from March 4, 2015, through April 3, 2015.

The renewal application and amendment include:

- The HCBS setting requirements
- The HCBS person-centered planning requirements
- The Limits of the Legal Representative as a Paid Employee
- Consumer Choices Option (CCO) changes that clarify how the CCO Budget can be used to pay for goods and services
- Transportation reimbursement changes
- Consumer Directed Attendant Care (CDAC) phase-out/personal care phase-in

The draft amendment is posted on the DHS [Home and Community Based Services](http://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/about/initiatives/HCBS)<sup>1</sup> webpage along with other related documents. This notice is also being distributed to provider associations, consumer advocacy organizations and other potentially interested stakeholders. Comments regarding the draft amendment should be submitted in writing to: [HCBSsettings@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:HCBSsettings@dhs.state.ia.us).

For persons without internet access, the waiver renewal and amendment is available for public review at the Department of Human Services County offices. Questions or comments concerning the proposed renewal or amendment may be addressed to: Sally Oudekerk, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise, 100 Army Post Road, Des Moines, Iowa 50315. Comments received may be reviewed by the public by contacting Ms. Oudekerk at the above address.

All comments will be reviewed, summarized, and responses developed. Appropriate suggestions will be incorporated into the draft amendment and responses to public comments will be posted on the DHS website.

Please submit any questions to [HCBSsettings@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:HCBSsettings@dhs.state.ia.us).

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